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CLHH-12

23 May 1962

DECLASS REVIEW by NIMA/DOD

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED] *ML*

SUBJECT: Conference with [REDACTED] on 23 May 1962

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In attendance:

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[REDACTED] started the meeting by assuming responsibility stating:
[REDACTED] is hereby directed to channel all technical discussions, responsibilities and problems through [REDACTED]. That DMJM is the technical representative for the I.O. on this project. This is due to the I.O.'s personnel being spread very thin and cannot cover all of the projects that are underway. All technical items will go through [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and the others from [REDACTED] said they will be glad to cooperate with this verbal direction. At present they have received no written instructions in reference to this. It seems the directive has been in the mail since 8 May (from S.F.).

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[REDACTED] gave a brief review of the history of the contract, etc. He pointed out that the list of questioned items previously brought up by them had not been mailed out. They were still holding the letter. They gave no explanation. Included on this list was the item of the oversized cabinets.

Contrary to our (DMJM) recommendations on 31 April 1962, reference CLHH-9, they proceeded with the fabrication of these cabinets and are completely assembled. They mentioned that [REDACTED] from the I.O., had told them to proceed and he [REDACTED] would get the cabinets into the building (possibly [REDACTED] has a different type of demolition explosive than we have.) Our recommendations to [REDACTED] on 31 April were for them to sustain fabrication and assembly of these cabinets until they had

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prepared alternates for installing these units into the building. Apparently they felt they were completely within the contract to finish the cabinets. Of course, the contract also states that they must install, which can present a problem to them if they were to have to tear out every doorway (since all are 7' high), remove many ceilings and re-install, etc.

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I suggest you mention to [REDACTED] that in the future he directs [REDACTED] to come through us if they contact him on this type of matter. Too many cooks spoil the broth, etc. We are only trying to be practical, not dictatorial.

Our (DMJM) unofficial estimate is that at the time that we told them to hold on the assembly and submit alternates, the additional cost would have been about 15% or 20% of the total cabinet cost. Since the assembly has been completed, it could run as high as 70% to 120% of the original cost depending on if the present units can be rebuilt or new ones made. They will be ready to ship these cabinets within one week - on about 1 June 1962.

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[REDACTED] gave us a quick and general tour of the facilities to see their progress on this project. The general appearance is fine on most items. A few minor details of possible problem areas were discovered and pointed out. Some of these were:

1. Adding an elbow in the factory sub-assembly instead of the final installation to facilitate the changing of the filters.
2. Adding additional weld area to the legs of the tanks to aid in keeping clean.
3. The size of the racks holding the pump, filter, and/or heat exchanger seemed much larger than necessary. They felt it was justified for manufacturing and fabrication reasons. A check of the engineering drawings would have caught this before fabrication and in turn saved [REDACTED] money and saved you floor space.

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I specifically requested that we (DMJM) be provided with a complete set of engineering drawings for immediate review to fulfill our function in stopping, where possible, any more of these minor discrepancies and to provide [REDACTED] assistance wherever possible. This review is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 May 1962. We also asked for their schedule so that we may coordinate it with building schedule. They merely repeated the schedule stated in the contract, which is:

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All equipment is to be delivered to Washington, D.C., [REDACTED] by 21 July 1962. [REDACTED] upon notification, is to install, check out, and have ready for acceptance within 85 days after notification. This notification may be on 21 July or after. The manuals for operation are due 10 days after installation and acceptance.

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This is the only schedule they stated to us. We in turn, stated that this is not the detailed schedule we need from them. What we specifically need, to assist them is such items as: what day do they need the power turned on, the water on, the natural gas, the nitrogen, etc. This must be scheduled within this 85 day period of installation. [REDACTED] said they would discuss it with us on Tuesday, the day we review the drawings.

With the exception of the present problem with the cabinets, I foresee no real problem areas, but we will certainly keep you informed.

By the way, an alternate suggestion I made, unofficially, that you may consider, is that if the cost of remaking the cabinets is too high, we can use the cabinets on the first floor as an intermediate stocking point for chemicals or whatever, and have [REDACTED] or someone make new cabinets to the size necessary for the 3rd floor Photochemical Solutions Laboratory. It's only one alternate. There are several ways this can be handled.

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I would suggest that if you intend on reviewing any of this project at [REDACTED] this Tuesday would be the best time to do it. I intend on returning to Washington, D.C. on or about 4 June for a period as necessary to discuss and assist you with our Equipment Recommendations. A considerable amount of my time will also be spent coordinating with the new building construction.

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cc: PJD
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